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A RAIN OF IRON POURED BY LIBERALS

Alban's Troops Beaten Off by Terrific
Rifle Fire at Perqueto.

EASY TARGET FOR THE LIBERALS.

A Number of His Men on the Gunboat Boyaca
Wounded—Two Schooners Sent Ahead of
the Gunboat Go Aground—The Liberals
Claim That Three Hundred of General
Alban's Force Were Captured.

Colon, Colombia. (By Cable.)—Many versions are current, all biased in favor of the Liberals, regarding the whereabouts and fate of General Alban's expedition, which left Panama on Sunday last. The following is the most authentic and plausible: On arriving off Perqueto, distant about 30 miles from Panama, and to miles beyond Chorrera, as the crew flies, General Alban, on the gunboat Boyaca, sent forward two schooners, which grounded. The liberals on land immediately poured a terrific rifle fire upon these vessels, causing much havoc on board. General Alban then ordered the Boyaca's boats to go to the assistance of the schooners. The crew of the Boyaca complied, with the result that many of them were wounded, and the boats returned to the Boyaca. When ordered for the second time to go to the assistance of the schooners the boats' crews refused to do so that such a step meant sure death to them. Hence, the Boyaca returned to Panama, taking many wounded men with her. The Liberals claim that 300 men of General Alban's force were captured in this way, and that they now strengthen the Liberal ranks.

It has been held all along that General Alban undertook no easy task when he attempted to land troops in the vicinity of Chorrera. The General's return to Panama was looked forward to with great hopes, but when he returned in the manner in which he did many people there were discouraged and downcast, which leads to the belief that the gravity of the situation is recognized.

Captain Perry's Report.

Washington, D. C. (Special.)—The Navy Department has received the following cablegram from Captain Perry, commanding the battleship Iowa: "Situation quiet and satisfactory to us. All trains running."

RATHBURN IS INDICTED.

Body of Victim of Conspiracy in Charge of the Coroner.

Jeffersonville, Ind., (Special.)—The special grand jury selected to investigate the Rathburn insurance conspiracy and murder case returned an indictment against Newell C. Rathburn, charging him with murder in the first degree.

The body of Rathburn's alleged victim, supposed to be that of Charles Goodman, arrived from Little Rock and was taken in charge by Coroner Coats.

The indictment against Rathburn embodies six counts, as follows: That of administering a poison commonly called laudanum to Charles Goodman; administering unknown poison to Charles Goodman; giving laudanum to a male person unknown to the grand jury; giving an unknown poison to an unknown male person; administering an anesthetic poison to Charles Goodman; and administering an anesthetic poison to an unknown person.

Rathburn pleaded not guilty, and his trial was set for December 19.

FOUR BOYS WOUND TEACHER.

They Slip Up Behind Him in School and Stab Him in the Back.

Savannah, Mo., (Special.)—Luther Montgomery, a teacher in the school at Cawood, to miles north of Savannah, was stabbed in the back by four of his pupils.

Just before the recess hour, while his back was turned, four youths, none of whom is over 18 years of age, slipped up behind Montgomery and dealt him a blow with a knife in the back of the head. He was then set upon and dragged to the floor, and received three other wounds—one in the neck, one in the shoulder and another in the back.

The boys are all of good families, and have previously borne a good reputation. Montgomery will probably die. The boys were brought to Savannah and lodged in jail.

Verdict Under a New Law.

Sioux Falls, S. D., (Special.)—A jury awarded Mary Garrigan a verdict for \$1,800 damages against Samuel Kennedy, a Dell Rapids saloonkeeper, for selling her husband liquor. Evidence was introduced to show that Garrigan became intoxicated on liquor bought of Kennedy, and that he later committed suicide. This is the first conviction under the new license law prohibiting the sale of liquor to inebriates.

Bars Women Lawyers.

Baltimore, Md., (Special.)—Chief Justice McSherry decided in the case of Miss Etta Maddox that a woman could not take the examination to be admitted to the bar of Maryland. The Court says that there is at present no law authorizing such examination, but that it is within the province of the Legislature to pass an act authorizing women to be admitted to the bar of Maryland.

A Record Breaker.

Tipton, Ind., (Special.)—A \$9,000,000-foot gas well came in on the Hobbs Farm, four miles south of this city. The flow came in at 4 o'clock, and when the tools were thrown out the drillers had to run for their lives. The well is equal to if not larger than the celebrated Wallace well, which was discovered near Fostoria, O., several years ago, and which was at that time said to be the biggest gusher on record.

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS.

Domestic.

A contract has been closed by the William R. Trigg Shipbuilding Company, of Richmond, Va., with the Standard Oil Company for the construction of a tank steamer to carry 1,500,000 gallons of oil and to cost \$439,000.

The United States Court to Springfield, Ill., refused an injunction restraining the Chicago State Board of Equalization from assessing the stock of the traction companies.

Caballos, the insurgent leader in the Philippines, has 500 fully armed men in his command, and it is reported contemplating an attack upon Mauban, Laguna Province.

Isaiah Bollin, principal of the colored school in Lexington, Va., resigned his position because of recent attempts to assassinate him and left for parts unknown.

By the dropping of an elevator cage in the retail dry goods house of Townsend & Wyatt, St. Joseph, Mo., two persons were fatally hurt.

Smallpox is raging in the southern islands of the Philippines. The United States Commission is preparing an act to compel vaccination.

The grand jury in Jeffersonville, Ind., indicted Newell C. Rathburn, the confessed insurance swindler, for murder in the first degree.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will spend \$25,000,000 next year for rolling stock—\$10,000,000 for cars and \$6,000,000 for locomotives.

Fire Commissioner John J. Scannell, of New York, and William Marks, a broker, were accused of conspiracy.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad advanced the wages of all its shopmen in Louisville to 10 per cent.

Charles Larken, aged 32 years, died in a Boston hospital from the effects of biting off his tongue.

Geza Granzler, who shot Mrs. Susanna Miller in Philadelphia, committed suicide.

Lawyer John L. Semple, of Camden, N. J., on trial in Philadelphia for being concerned in counterfeiting, testified in his own behalf, denying the charges and producing judges and lawyers to testify to his good character.

Santiago Iglesias, agent in Porto Rico of the American Federation of Labor, who was arrested on a charge of conspiracy, has been released on \$500 bail, furnished by Bert Compers.

John B. Berthoff, Western Union manager at Jersey City, and Isaac Kershaw, an operator, were arrested on the charge of carrying on a green-goods game.

Elmer Frey, of York, Pa., identified John Kottcamp and Harry Ream, who he says, robbed him and put him, bound and gagged, on an electric car track.

Walter Stratton, alias Ben Starne, pleaded guilty of holding up a Missouri, Kansas and Texas train and robbing the United States mail at Caney, I. T.

The American Tobacco Company absorbed the firm of D. H. McAlpin & Co., of New York, paying \$2,500,000 for the property.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dale, of Chicago, was arraigned in Hoboken on the charge of murdering her five-year-old daughter, Elnora.

C. D. Upchurch and Leslie Lynch, two farmers, had a pistol duel at Flynns Creek, Tenn., Lynch receiving a fatal wound.

Joseph W. Jones died on his farm, near Winchester, Va., where he had lived ever since he was born, 82 years ago.

A great deal of mail matter was burned in the disastrous wreck on the Santa Fe near the Needles, in California.

An unknown man threw himself headlong into one of the furnaces at Schoenberger's mills, in Pittsburgh.

L. Z. Cook, a railway mail clerk, was arrested in Pittsburgh on the charge of embezzlement.

Robert Coburn, of Chicago, shot Charles and John Miller, whom he found near his hen roost.

Robbers got into the postoffice at Dunsmuir, Pa., and got \$1,000 in stamps and cash.

Capt. John Lawson, a pioneer locomotive builder, died at his home, in St. Louis.

J. E. Davidson committed suicide in Union City, Tenn.

Foreign.

It is reported from Sofia that Const General Dickinson will notify the brigands, fixing to days as the period within which they must accept \$10,000 as Miss Stone's ransom, or the United States will stop all dealings with them.

Count von Hatzfeldt-Wildenburg, former German ambassador to Great Britain, died at the embassy, in London.

Through the dishonesty and betting transactions of a bookkeeper the Bank of Liverpool loses \$350,000.

A conspiracy was discovered in Johannesburg and a number of suspected parties arrested.

United States officers at Panama report quiet there. It is said that no immediate attack upon Panama is contemplated. The government is still building breastworks near the railroad property. Captain Perry will probably land a force from the battleship Iowa to protect transit.

The foreign military commander at Tientsin refuse to turn over the collection of taxes to the Chinese. They also decline to submit the question of the right of control of the native city to the foreign ministers.

The revolt against the proposal to translate the Gospels into modern Greek continues in Athens. Marines were landed to co-operate with the troops in guarding the palace.

Col. Arthur Lynch, who fought as a colonel in the Boer Army, defeated Horace Plunkett, Unionist, for member of Parliament from Galway, Ireland. It is reported that Germany and Russia are preparing a joint circular note proposing an antianarchist conference.

Financial.

The New York Subtreasury statement shows that the banks lost \$2,882,000 last week.

It is said a \$2,000,000 car wheel company is to be incorporated under the laws of New Jersey.

One report has it that the rise in Jersey Central is due to a supplementary offer by Reading interests for outstanding stock of the company.

Lee, Higginson & Co., of Boston, were awarded the \$1,000,000 Boston & Maine Railroad 3 1/2 per cent. twenty-year bonds at \$102.92.

FOR REPRESSION OF ANARCHISTS

United States Solicitor General Richards
Tells How to Do It.

THE TIME FOR ACTION HAS COME.

Unnecessary, Says Mr. Richards, to Amend the Constitution to Obtain the Power to Suppress Anarchism—Congress Can Intrude to the President the Power to Exclude Alien Anarchists.

Philadelphia, Pa., (Special.)—J. K. Richards, Solicitor General of the United States, in a notable speech at the Founder's Day banquet of the Union League here spoke on the need of legislation for the repression of anarchy. He said the President of the United States ought to be protected by the law of the United States. "Not only his safety, but the dignity of the republic demands this," said Mr. Richards. The President takes an oath that he will faithfully execute the office of President of the United States, and will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. This Constitution enjoins him to take care that the laws be faithfully executed. The solemn obligation thus imposed is not intermittent, but continuous. From the time he takes the oath until he dies or retires, wherever he may be, without interval or cessation, he is President of the United States, and engaged in executing that office. And for this reason the power of the nation should safeguard and protect him always and everywhere. Authority to do this is clear. Every right secured by the Constitution may be protected by Congress, and there is no higher right under the Constitution, no right whose free exercise is more vital to the Constitution, than the right of faithfully executing the office of President of the United States.

A murderous assault upon the President, imperils the life of the government, imperils the security of the whole country, and whether successful or unsuccessful, should be punishable by death.

"If Congress intrusts to the President the power to exclude alien anarchists and to deport all unauthorized ones, I fancy it will not be difficult to put in operation an effective plan of ridding the country of these bloody-minded pests."

"Surely the time for action has come. No more atrocious crime can be committed than the one for which we know anarchism is directly responsible. I take the view that it is safe to repress crime, no matter in what guise presented or how widespread and reckless its adherents. By the concurrent action of civilized nations anarchists ought to be placed under the ban of universal law. The red flag of anarchy should be driven from the land as the black flag of piracy has been driven from the sea."

ATTEMPT TO BURN STEAMER?

Match Heads and Cannon Crackers Found in Her Cargo.

Pensacola, Fla., (Special.)—What seems to have been an attempt to burn the British steamer Cayo, 2,223 tons, which is loading a cargo of 16,000 bales of cotton for Bremen, was discovered here.

The plan was frustrated by one of the cotton screw men at work in the hold of the vessel finding a quantity of heads of matches. About 10,000 bales of cotton had been placed in the vessel when the discovery was made. This led to an investigation, and about 20 cannon crackers 12 inches in length were found jammed between the heads of the cotton.

In each instance matches had been placed in the heads of the cannon crackers adjoining the stem, with the heads protruding in such a manner that slight friction would strike the matches and ignite the cannon crackers.

W. C. T. U. APPROPRIATIONS.

Over \$14,000 is Set Aside for Work of the Organization.

Fort Worth, Texas, (Special.)—The report of the committee on appropriations of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union was adopted by the executive board before adjournment. Fifty-eight hundred dollars are given to the president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. The "Y" branch gets \$800 and the "L. T. L." \$500. The departments get an aggregate of \$7,255. Among the various appropriations for departmental work are:

Legislation, \$1,000; foreign speaking people and missionary on Ellis Island, \$500; colored people, \$500; scientific temperance institution, \$800; soldiers and sailors, \$250; anti-narcotics, \$200; physical education, \$250; purity, \$200; non-alcoholic medication, \$350; franchise, \$175; total appropriations for the year, \$14,355.

Captain Jumped Overboard.

Mobile, Ala., (Special.)—The British bark Birman, Wood, from Rio Janeiro, in charge of Mate Poe, arrived here and reports that on November 18, the captain, named Morris, killed the vessel's steward. The body was buried at sea. The captain kept in his cabin, pacing up and down. When informed that Sand Island light was sighted November 22, he gave the mate the course, picked up a sea lead, jumped overboard and was drowned.

Big Fire at Murfreesboro.

Murfreesboro, Tenn., (Special.)—Fire started in the warehouse of J. L. Rather & Co. here and soon spread until the entire Depot Hill district was in flames. About \$80,000 worth of property is in ashes.

Immense Bank Swindle.

Liverpool, (By Cable.)—Announcement was made here that the Bank of Liverpool had been victimized by a trusted bookkeeper for a large sum. What the losses amount to is not yet exactly known, but an official statement issued by the bank says that through the dishonesty and betting transactions of a bookkeeper the institution may lose \$750,000 (about \$850,000). The bank's shares fell 1/2 (about \$5) on the Stock Exchange. The defaulter has not yet been arrested.

TREACHERY CHECKED IN LUZON.

American Negroes Said to Have United With
Filipinos to Attack Manila.

Manila, (By Cable.)—It has been officially reported to Gen. Chaffee, that the insurgent leader Caballos has 500 fully armed men, including a number of American negroes, under his command in Laguna province, Luzon.

An insurgent officer has just been captured carrying papers dated Mauban, Laguna province, Nov. 18, and signed by Caballos.

The prisoner admits that Caballos has 1000 men with him and contemplated attacking Mauban.

The patrolling gunboats along Samar have captured over \$20,000 in cash and \$100,000 worth of hemp, upon which a tax had been paid to the insurgents, has been confiscated. The system of taxation and the collection of taxes, maintained by the insurgent leader Lukban was perfect and exhaustive in every particular. Hemp was the most important feature of commerce. Two per cent. of its price was given to the local presidentes, who collected the majority of the island's revenue from those natives who had sworn allegiance to the United States, and turned it over to the rebel authorities.

Smallpox is raging in the southern islands of the archipelago. The United States Philippine Commission is preparing an act to compel everyone to be vaccinated.

MILLIONS FOR ROLLING STOCK.

Expenditures by the Pennsylvania Said to Be Unprecedented.

Philadelphia, Pa., (Special.)—The expenditures to be made by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in 1902 for rolling stock will aggregate \$25,000,000, a sum believed to be unprecedented in railroad history.

Of this amount about \$19,000,000 will be expended for cars and the other \$6,000,000 for locomotives. As already announced, the company will require 19,000 new freight cars for 1902, the greater number of which have already been ordered. While no locomotives for 1902 delivery have been ordered, the requirements in that direction for next year have been determined upon approximately at 400 locomotives. Of this number 300 will be required for the lines east of Pittsburgh and 100 for the Western lines.

All of these locomotives will be of the heavy modern type. With the exception of about 100 all of them will be built by the Baldwin Locomotive Works and the American Locomotive Building Company.

FAMILY A BURGLAR GANG.

People Well Thought of in Church and Social
Circles Lived by Thieving.

Pittsburg, Kan., (Special.)—George Lane and family, consisting of his wife, a 14-year-old daughter and an adopted son, 18 years old, have been arrested here, charged with being leaders of a gang that has been systematically robbing merchants of this city for the past year. Lane and his wife are prominent in society and church work. They have a beautiful home on West Fourth street, where nearly \$1,000 worth of the stolen goods were found. It is charged that the boy would conceal himself in a store and be locked in when the store was closed, and then in the night he would open the rear door, after which the robbery was easy. The arrest was caused by the boy being captured in a store and confessing. Lane is a contracting builder by trade and has always been considered a respectable citizen.

HORRIBLE COUGH CURE.

Natives of New Guinea Massacre Those
They Blame.

London, (By Cable.)—Lieut.-Gov. George R. Le Hunte, in his annual report on British New Guinea, tells a strange story of native superstition which is causing the sacrifice of innumerable lives. Whooping cough was introduced there by two white children and spread with frightful rapidity. It first swept the coasts and is now ravaging the interior. As the natives hold that death from any cause is always compassed by an unknown enemy, only discoverable through witchcraft, whenever a village is attacked with whooping cough a sorcerer is consulted. The latter invariably designates another village or tribe as culpable and a midnight massacre of innocent persons follows.

Bought by the B. & O.

Marietta, Ohio, (Special.)—The Ohio and Little Kanawha Railway between this city and Zanesville, which was supposed to have been sold some time ago to the Wabash system, has been sold to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Both systems were anxious to acquire the road, the former to complete its line from the lakes to the seaboard by way of the undeveloped coal lands of West Virginia. The latter wants it to connect its southwestern system with the main line. The purchase gives the Baltimore and Ohio connections with its own line both at Marietta and Zanesville.

Cost of Czolgosz Trial.

Buffalo, N. Y., (Special.)—The expense incurred in the trial and conviction of Leon F. Czolgosz, the assassin of President McKinley, was \$1,790.50. Of this sum \$500 was paid the attorneys who defended him; \$1,000 was paid the deputies who guarded him; \$36 was paid for pictures taken and there is a bill of \$119.50 for the transporting of Czolgosz and his guards to Auburn. This bill, it is expected, the State will pay.

Plague Havoc in Russia.

Vienna, (By Cable.)—There has been an alarming spread of the plague in South Russia. According to dispatches from Lemberg hundreds of fatal cases are reported in Moscow, Odessa, Kiev, Kherson and other towns.

King Edward's Health.

London, (By Cable.)—Sir Frederick Treves, surgeon to King Edward, offering a toast to the King at a banquet at Aberdeen, said it was pleasant to know that the monarch had never enjoyed such excellent health as at present.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Secretary Hitchcock Submits His Annual Report.

POLICY TOWARDS THE INDIANS.

Each Able-Bodied Red Man to Work His Allotment—He Dwells Particularly Upon the Necessity of Reservoirs as a Part of a National System of Forest and Water Conservation.

Washington, D. C., (Special.)—The annual report of Secretary Hitchcock, of the Interior Department, just made public, indorses the conclusions submitted by Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones regarding the present Indian educational system. The Secretary says:

"The management of the Indian service in the field and in the schools, while satisfactory under existing conditions, is not deemed to be the best for the welfare of the Indians, and different methods will hereafter be adopted. This policy contemplates requiring the working by Indian allottees able to do so of a fair portion of lands allotted them and the contributing by their industry to their own support of all not entirely disqualified by actual disability, physical or otherwise, the discontinuance of the issue of rations to those able to support themselves and the extension to the latter of every possible aid for their well-being and encouragement; the institution of industrial training in all schools where not now established so that such Indians of both sexes may be taught the trades or industries adapted to their circumstances."

The income of the various Indian tribes from all sources during the year aggregated \$5,338,880, a falling off of \$200,952, due mostly to the expiration of treaty obligations.

The curriculum of Indian schools, the Secretary says, should be restricted to the common school course and the further extension of non-reservation schools should not be permitted.

The Dawes Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory reports that the rolls of membership of only one nation—the Seminoles—so far have been approved and their lands have not yet been entirely allotted. There is a vast amount of labor yet to be performed by the commission in investigating the claims of applicants for enrollment and equalizing the value of the lands already classified, and Secretary Hitchcock recommends that the commission be increased by four members. He also favors a modification of the law requiring distribution of lands on the basis of equalized valuation and that a definite period be fixed for the completion of all the work pertaining to the allotment of lands among the Indians in the Territory.

SEVEN KILLED IN A WRECK.

Three Passengers and Fourteen Trainmen
Badly Hurt.

Los Angeles, Cal., (Special.)—A fatal wreck occurred on the Santa Fe Railroad near the head of the line, on the west end of a mile west of Franconia, Ariz., a switch station 20 miles east of Needles, Cal.

Seven trainmen were killed, three passengers and 14 trainmen injured. Limited trains, one east, the other west bound, crashed together while running at full speed. The eastbound train was drawn by two engines, while the westbound train had but one locomotive. The three engines were crushed and blown to pieces by an explosion which followed the collision. Both trains were made up of vestibule cars of the heaviest kind, and while they stood the terrific shock well and protected the passengers to a great extent, several of the cars took fire and burned up. The dining cars, one on each train; one Pullman and two composite cars were destroyed.

The collision is said to have been due to a disregard of orders by the crew of the westbound train. From all accounts, however, it is gathered that the eastbound train had orders to take the siding at Franconia, and await the passing of the westbound flyer, which was running two hours late and trying to make up time. The eastbound train failed to reach the siding, and as the westbound train did not wait for it, the two trains came together without warning and with an awful crash.

The boiler of the westbound engine is said to have exploded immediately after the crash, scattering to death those of the engine crews who had not been killed outright. The bodies of Case and Armistead, firemen of the eastbound train, and Sam Brown, waiter of the opposite train, are missing, and it is believed that they were cremated in the flames that followed the collision.

The sleeping cars, with one or two exceptions, suffered slightly, and as a result the passengers were afforded comparative immunity from injury.

ODDS AND ENDS OF THE NEWS.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of John W. Scott, the young club and society man of Richmond, who was found horribly beaten in the doorway of a West End residence one night last week, and who died without regaining consciousness, was that Mr. Scott's injuries were inflicted by a weapon in the hands of some person unknown.

Professor Ritchey, of the Yerkes Observatory, Chicago, has secured photographs of the new star in the northern sky, from which he draws additional proof of the nebular theory of the creation of the world.

The New York Grand Jury returned an indictment against Police Captain Gannon, charging him with neglect of duty.

Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota, has invited governors of other States, of the Northwest to a conference to discuss resistance to the consolidation of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Railroads.

Admiral Schley has declined the offer of the Knoxville Sentinel to collect a fund with which to defray the expense to which the Admiral was subjected by the court of inquiry.

A pro-Boer meeting in London was broken up by Tories, and Sir Patterson Nickalls, who presided, was subjected to a demonstration of disapproval on the Stock Exchange.

Leslie Lynch and C. D. Upchurch, two Tennessee farmers, met in deadly combat at Flann's creek, near the Virginia line.

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LIVE NEWS OF THE OLD DOMINION.

Condensed Special Dispatches From
Many Points.

TO BUILD BIG TANK STEAMERS.

Richmond Gets One of Several Contracts for
Immense Oil Carriers—New Depot for
Fredericksburg—Destructive Fire in Caroline
County—Henry O. Walker Dies From In-
juries Inflicted by M. F. Carner.

Pensions granted Virginians: Michael Liestel, Old Point, \$12; Starkey, Boston, \$8; Fannie Replogle, Strasburg, \$8; Elijah Russell, Chincogogue Island, \$12; Charles W. Partin, Portsmouth, \$10; James Sweeney, Richmond, \$6; Champ Carter, Alexandria, \$12.

Henry O. Walker, a carpenter, aged 55 years, died at the City Hospital, in Norfolk, from the effects of a blow on the head with a chair. Several days ago Walker went into the office of the Roanoke Planing Mill Company and demanded of the lady book-keeper that she give him a receipt in full, using objectionable language. He claimed that Matthew F. Carner, manager of the planing mill, owed him money. He was requested to go away, but he refused and was remonstrated with. Mr. Carner was at the telephone, and finally turned on him with a chair, with which he knocked him down, rendering him unconscious. The autopsy resulted in a verdict that death was due to a blow on the head. Walker left a widow. Carner has a large family.

An occurrence held to be unprecedented in Virginia took place in Norfolk, when Judge of the Corporation Court Hanckel, upon motion of Commonwealth's Attorney Venable, discharged for the term the venire of 15 jurors who had been serving and have tried several cases. Mr. Venable stated that he had been informed that after several ballots were taken by the jurors recently, they, failing to agree, were paroled for the night; that on the following day one juror changed his vote, saying that he had heard something outside of court and jury room which led him to do so.

A contract has been closed by the Wm. R. Trigg Shipbuilding Company, Richmond, with the Standard Oil Company for the construction of a tank steamer to carry 1,500,000 gallons of oil and to cost \$439,000. This is one of several similar orders just placed. The contracts call for the expenditure of several million dollars. At the present time there is not an American steamer in the European oil trade. The vessels will be 350 feet in length and will have a minimum capacity of 1,500,000 gallons each.

The contract to build the Administration Building mess hall, two ward buildings and a corridor, in connection with the new branch of the Federal Soldiers' Home, at Johnson City, East Tennessee, has been awarded to J. E. Parrish, of Lynchburg. Mr. Parrish's bid for this work was \$183,497. His bid on all the work thus far